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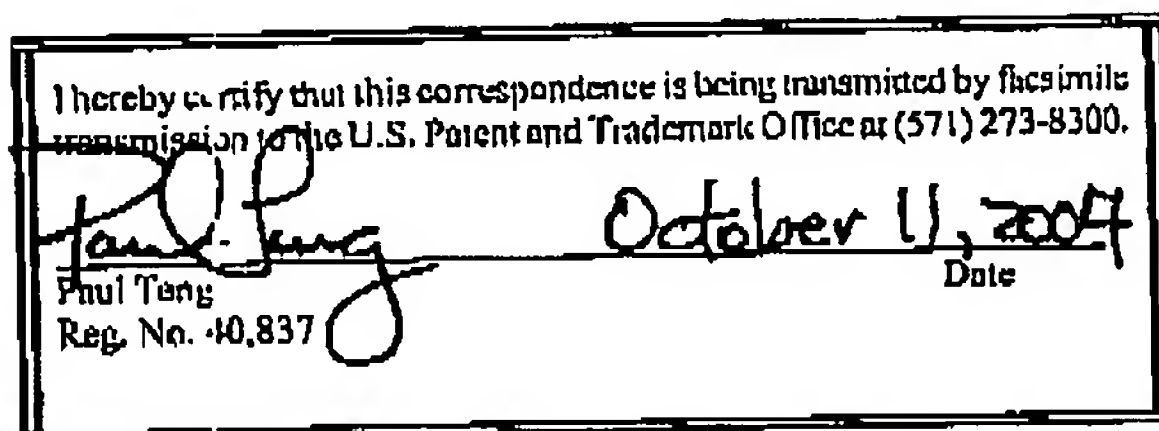
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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Communication is submitted in response to the September 12, 2007 Restriction Requirement issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The September 12, 2007 Restriction Requirement indicates that examination of the application will be restricted by the Patent Office under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct groups of claims:

- Group I. Claims 1-17 and 22-23, drawn to a contrast-enhanced angiography for taking an image of a blood vessel, classified in class 600, subclass 431;
and
- Group II. Claims 18-21, drawn to a magnetic resonance imaging system, classified

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in class 600, subclass 431.

The September 12, 2007 Office Action further requires applicant to elect one of the following species:

- Species A. (disclosed as 1st embodiment);
- Species B. (disclosed as 2nd embodiment);
- Species C. (disclosed as 3rd embodiment);
- Species D. (disclosed as 4th embodiment); and
- Species E. (disclosed as 5th embodiment).

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute Group II and Species A (1st embodiment). Pending claims readable on Group II, Species A include claims 18-21.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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